

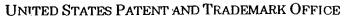


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		NG CHECKED (X) ITEM(S) CAUSE THE AMENDMENT DOCUMENT TO BE NON-COMPLIANT: adments to the specification:  A. Amended paragraph(s) do not include markings.  B. New paragraph(s) should not be underlined.  C. Other		
	2. Abstr	A. Not presented on a separate sheet. 37 CFR 1.72.  B. Other		
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TY.	4. Ama	A. A complete listing of <u>all</u> of the claims is not present.  B. The listing of claims does not include the text of all claims (including withdrawn claims)  C. Each claim has not been provided with the <u>proper status identifier</u> , and as such, the individual status of each claim cannot be identified. (CLATMS ( TAB)  D. The claims of this amendment paper have not been presented in ascending numerical order.  E. Other:		
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